



In re Application of Burkhardt et al.

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For: VALVE ARRANGEMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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INDEP.	* 3	MINUS	*** 3	= 0

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 9=	\$
x 43=	\$
x 145=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 18=	\$54.00
x 86=	\$
x 290=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 54.00

☐ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following for entry in the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Specification:**

None

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings:**

None

**Remarks/Comments:**

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.